

CHESTNUTHILL TOWNSHIP  
ROUTE 715, BRODHEADSVILLE, PA 18322  
MINUTES OF MEETING – SEPTEMBER 2, 2003

A regular meeting of the Chestnuthill Township Board of Supervisors was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2003, at the Municipal Building, Rte 715, Brodheadsville, Pa. Those present were Chuck Gould (Chairman), Maureen Tatu (Vice Chairman), Mike Possinger, Cathy A. Baker, David Albright, and Joseph P. McDonald Jr., Solicitor.

The **Pledge of Allegiance** to the Flag was led by Leigh Kane.

**Executive Session** will be held following the meeting concerning a personnel matter.

**Unit Care Agreements** None

**Public Comment** Al Bourke asked about the White Goods program. Chuck said the program is up and running. You need to contact Jeanette at ext. 32 here at the Township. The goal is for Lee Mortimer to get the goods within two weeks of the scheduled pick up. Since last week, about 20 residents have received service. Mr. Bourke asked what would happen to the storage facility where the goods are being housed if something should happen to Mr. Mortimer. Chuck said he would have an answer for Mr. Bourke at the next Board meeting on what he has researched so far.

Emerson Harding expressed his concerns about vandalism and destruction in the park. Chuck Gould said that in response to the concerns expressed in the recent past, one supervisor and one laborer from the Burnley Workshop have been hired on to maintain the park grounds. They started work today. Chuck also said Leigh Kane is working on a peer-to-peer Grant to educate us on the growing pains other parks may have had in the development of their park systems, and how we can avoid costly mistakes.

**Minutes** On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Chuck it was voted to approve the minutes of the August 5, 2003, meeting as distributed. (2-0). On motion made by Mike, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve the minutes of the August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2003 meeting as distributed. (3-0).

**Correspondence** Monroe County Tax Claim Bureau- Repository Sale on a property in Sun Valley for \$600.00. Chuck Gould expressed his concern with approving these Repository Sales because of the lack of information provided on these properties. Joe McDonald said it's a "catch 22". It really has nothing to do with developing or building, it's simply a tax issue. It is a formality that won't change the lot of the lot. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Mike it was voted to approve this one claim presented tonight. (3-0).

Litter Control & Beautification Program of Monroe County- Thank you letter was sent to the Supervisors for Chestnuthill Township's donation to the Litter and Deer Disposal Programs that they provide.

C.O.G. Dinner invitation- On motion made by Mike, seconded by Chuck it was voted for Cathy A. Baker to circulate the invitation to their annual Fall C.O.G. dinner scheduled for September 29<sup>th</sup>, 2003. (3-0).

**Roadmaster** Right-of-Way Agreement /Brodhead Manor Partners- Kevin Scheller- In exchange for an 80' right-of-way from the center line of the cul-de-sac of Christopher Lane, in between lot #62 and #63 of Brodhead Manor, Chestnuthill Township shall receive a \$20,000 payment for the Christopher Lane extension and the maintenance of two storm water detention basins, one between lot#15 and #16 and one behind lot #58 of Brodhead Manor. Behind Ace Hardware building, the road will extend out to Rt. 715 between the two properties to help alleviate traffic congestion on Rt. 209 and create traffic flow for the economic development of businesses moving into the old Mr. Z's plaza. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Mike it was voted to approve this first step of the project, upon signing the agreement and receiving the check tomorrow. (3-0). On motion made by Mike, seconded by Maureen it was voted to accept Herbert, Rowland & Grubic's proposal for their engineering services for this project after the signatures are obtained and the check is received tomorrow. (3-0).

Paving project and shoulder improvements- There was a slide show presented by Joe Weston and Dave Albright showing the rented equipment and how it is being used to shoulder the newly paved roads. \$851,000 dollars has been spent to date on the Super pave project. Joe said there are still seven roads to go, then line striping will start in about two weeks, then that is it for the year.

Road crew hire- Mr. Weston recommended that the Board hire Brian Blondo full-time to the Road crew. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Mike it was voted to hire Mr. Blondo. (3-0).

**Planning Director** Dave Albright and Eric Lake from PoconoGIS made a presentation on the new Chestnuthill Township website, giving an overview of how to use the website, and concentrating on how to use the Geographic Information System that Eric has set up for the County and many other counties and States that need the system for planning and mapping. Dave said that PoconoGIS can set up this system on this website for Chestnuthill Township to utilize. On motion made by Mike, seconded by Maureen it was voted to approve PoconoGIS to maintain our website for \$1,800 dollars yearly. (3-0).

**Old Business** Chuck Gould stated that a public hearing was held about the Building Code Adoption and in front of the Board tonight is a vote to be taken on adopting the Building Codes Ordinance. Joseph P. McDonald Jr. Esq., the Board's solicitor, conveyed to the Board that once the Ordinance was adopted, they have 5 days from the date of adoption to hire a Building Codes Official to enforce the codes. David Albright, Planning Director, held meetings, collected information, and went through the screening process with

Keystone Engineers, Guardian Inspection and Lehigh Valley Inspection Service, who provide code enforcing services. Dave was asked to put together a proposal on what the Township would expect from an Inspection company. He did that and sent the proposal to the three companies listed above. Guardian Inspection and Lehigh Valley Inspection Service responded. Dave held interviews and work sessions where all three Supervisors were present. The proposals were reviewed. On motion made by Mike, seconded by Maureen it was voted to hire Lehigh Valley Inspection Service as the Building Code Officer. (3-0).

There was some concern and a lengthy discussion took place about the 90-day extension and transition period in the Ordinance. Joe McDonald recommended to the Board that in paragraph 21 of the Ordinance, the first line which says "Prior to the effective date of the ordinance, the Supervisors shall by resolution adopt a policy providing for a transition period." within which and instead, should read as follows: "the requirements hereunder may be waived provided proof satisfactory to the Township is submitted that a binding contract for construction was entered into prior to the effective date hereunder." On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Maureen it was voted to adopt Building Ordinance #2003-05 with this change in place. (3-0).

**New Business** Chestnuthill Township SEO Helen Beers stated to the Board that the proposed septic design of the lands of Theodore Eilber did not meet the 200 square feet additional requirement as per Township Ordinance. Mr. Eilber asked for a waiver. On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Mike it was voted to approve the waiver. (3-0).

Tony Modafferri, owner and willing seller of a 29-acre parcel located off of Little Mexico Rd., offered appraisal information from Van Fleet appraisers of \$3,600 per acre selling price as part of the Regional Open Space Plan. On motion made by Chuck, seconded by Mike it was voted to authorize Planning Director, Dave Albright to take the necessary steps to put this in front of the Monroe County Open Space Board. (3-0).

**Bills** On motion made by Maureen, seconded by Mike it was voted to pay the General Fund and the Capital Projects Fund bills. (3-0).

**Plans** None.

**Adjournment** On motion made by Mike, seconded by Maureen it was voted to adjourn to Executive Session at 9:00 p.m. (3-0).

Respectfully submitted,

Kathy Fisher  
Receptionist